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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	<b>027299.02</b>
	<i>First Named Inventor or Application identifier</i>	<b>Boaz</b>
ADDRESS TO: Commissioner of Patents Mail Stop Patent Application PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<i>Title</i>	<b>Automated Meter Reading System, Communication and Control Network For Automated Meter Reading, Meter Data Collector, and Associated Methods</b>
	<i>Express Mail No.</i>	<b>EV 342456593 US</b>

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (submit in duplicate)
  2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
  3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages: 50]
  4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets: 19]
  5. ☐ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages: 69]
    - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
    - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with No. 17 completed)
- [Note No. 6 below]
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
  6. ☐ **Incorporation By Reference (useable if No. 5b is checked)**  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under No. 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
  7. ☐ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)**
    - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy (CRF)
    - b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
      - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
      - ii. ☐ paper
    - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
  8. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
  9. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

10. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
11. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
12. ☐ Power of Attorney
13. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
14. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  
☒ Copy of IDS Citations
15. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (Itemized)
17. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
18. ☒ Other: NonPublication Request

19. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate blank and supply the requisite information:

<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation	of prior application No.:
<input type="checkbox"/> Divisional	Prior Application Information:
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- ☒ **This is a non-provisional (conversion) application of prior provisional application No. 60/447,815, filed 02/14/2003.**

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# **FEE TRANSMITTAL FOR FY 2004**

■ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## **Complete if Known**

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☒ Charge any additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 & 1.17  
☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27

### **FEE CALCULATION**

#### **1. Basic Filing Fee**

Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
\$770	\$385	Utility Filing Fee	\$385
\$340	\$170	Design Filing Fee	\$
\$530	\$265	Plant Filing Fee	\$
\$770	\$385	Reissue Filing Fee	\$
\$160	\$80	Provisional Filing Fee	\$
<b>Subtotal (1)</b>			<b>\$385</b>

#### **2. Extra Claim Fees**

		Extra	Fee (below)	Fee Paid
Total	42 - 20** =	22	X \$9	\$198
Indep.	8 - 3** =	5	X \$43	\$215

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\$18	\$9	Claims in excess of 20
\$86	\$43	Independent claims in excess of 3
\$290	\$145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
\$86	\$43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
\$18	\$9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**Subtotal (2) \$413**

### **FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
130	65	Surcharge - late fee or oath	\$
50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
130	130	Non-English specification	\$
2,520	2,520	Request for Reexamination	\$
920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after examiner action	\$
110	55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
420	210	Extension for reply within second month	\$
950	475	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1,480	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
2,010	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
330	165	Notice of Appeal	\$
330	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
290	145	Request for oral hearing	\$
1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	\$
110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
1,330	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
1,330	665	Utility issue (or reissue)	\$
480	240	Design issue fee	\$
640	320	Plant reissue fee	\$
130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
50	50	Proceeding fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	\$
180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	\$
40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
770	385	Filing a submission after final rejections (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	\$
770	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	\$
770	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET**

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

- Patent Application Transmittal and Fee Transmittal;
- Non-Provisional Patent Application;
- Nonpublication Request Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i);
- Drawings (19 pages);
- Information Disclosure Statement with copy of each reference;
- Check in the amount of \$798.00;
- Postcard, which we would appreciate your date stamping and returning to us upon receipt.

I hereby authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P.'s Deposit Account No. 50-0259 (Atty Docket 027299.02)

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